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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the title of the above-identified patent application as follows:

Concurrent Virtual and Physical meetings

Please amend paragraphs 49 – 54 as follows:

[0049] FIG. 1 illustrates a preferred embodiment of the concurrent virtual and physical ~~notice to~~  
~~potential meeting attendee aspect of the present invention;~~

[0050] FIG. 2 illustrates a preferred embodiment of the initiation of the virtual meeting of the  
~~present invention;~~

[0051] FIG. 3 is a system level architectural view of how an operational system implementing  
~~electronic transmission voting over a network, such as the global computer network known as~~  
~~the Internet, can be configured;~~

[0052] FIG. 4 is a block diagram illustrating the flow of the electronic ballot and associated data  
~~elements between an individual or client side, and a server side, managing the electronic~~  
~~transmission voting method;~~

[0053] FIG. 5 is a block diagram showing in greater detail the components, and data information  
~~exchange illustrated in FIGS. 3 and 4; and~~

[0054] FIG. 6 is an architectural diagram showing in greater detail how a system and method as  
~~described herein could be deployed on a broad basis on a network such as the global computer~~  
~~network known as the Internet.~~

Please amend paragraph 60 as follows:

[0060] Turning now to FIG. 1 depicts an embodiment of the present invention. In step A, the  
potential meeting attendees are provided with a notification of a meeting. In step B, an

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electronic space is provided for said meeting. In step C, admission to the electronic meeting space is granted only to persons having the appropriate credentials. In step D, the attendance in the electronic meeting space and a physical meeting space is monitored. Also in step D, when a quorum of potential attendees is present, the meeting is called to order. In step E, the meeting is adjourned if the quorum ceases to be present. In step F, an orderly discussion is provided for. And in step G, ballots are delivered and collected from those persons attending the meeting electronically. In another embodiment, organization 1 wishing to conduct a virtual meeting retains virtual meeting host 2. At some time prior to the virtual meeting, organization 1 provides each of the prospective meeting attendees 3 with a notice of the upcoming meeting. Desirably, said notice of the upcoming meeting conforms to all the formal requirements of such a notice.